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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th February 2014 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill

Present: Mrs C Dawson – Chairman, Mr L Allen, Mr R Birch, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mr S Ford, Miss S Gregory, Mr A Hossack, Mrs Molyneux, the Clerk and PCSO Natalie Lang

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accepted apologies from Mr Blunt and Mrs Kirkpatrick

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest (*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should one become apparent*)

None

3. Adoption of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2014

Resolved to adopt subject to adding Mr Hossack's query about the state of the road at the roundabout at the Cross Keys

4. To Consider Matters Arising from Previous Parish Council Meeting above and not on the Agenda

Mr Ford asked if any response had come from FoDDC about the cleaning of Orchard Farm Close – reply from the Clerk was negative, it will be chased for the third time

5. To Consider Requests for Dispensations

None

6. To Allow Public Consultation

None

7. To Receive the Clerk's Report

- The sale of the land at Wyebank Road has been completed and the monies are in the Council bank account
- The registration of the land at the Recreation ground is proceeding; the Clerk has signed the Statutory Declaration but the Land Registry are sending out their surveyor, this will cost Council £40 and the report will be sent to the Land Registry lawyers (it will not be made available to Council)
- The Clerk's revised contract of employment has been signed and her appraisal completed
- Mopla Cottage has been renovated and is now occupied

8. Policing in the Parish

PCSO Natalie Lang provided crime statistics, burglary and drug crime were up, other crimes down. Mini motos and scramblers are everywhere in the parish but difficult to apprehend – a question was asked about photographing culprits, PCSO Lang will come back to the Clerk about this issue. Pelican lights in Sedbury now have fencing adjusted to prevent the wires being cut. There has been a problem with the car park behind the butchers in Sedbury – ongoing work by police. PCSO Lang has been into the schools talking about IT safety, these

talks had been well received. Still issues over parking at Tutshill School, these were discussed. PCSO Lang was thanked for her attendance at the meeting – she then left the room

9. To Receive the Financial Statement

Resolved to approve the monthly financial statement and the payments (Mr Allan did not vote on payments due to a personal interest in the SLCC cheque). The Clerk explained that the payment to Bartlett was shown as £3,252 but she is asking for a reduction due to the errors – **Resolved** to sign the cheque with the Clerk to make the payment when the matter is resolved

10. To Consider Changes to Standing Orders

The Clerk explained that there are changes which are essential but recommended a discussion to determine two issues, firstly the question of differing figures between tenders and quotations and secondly the question of the length a Committee Chairman can remain as Chairman. **Resolved** that the Clerk makes the changes discussed and issues to all prior to Councillors making a decision at the next meeting

11. To Consider the Lack of a Financial Report by Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall Committee to Charity Commission for year ended September 2012

The Chairman advised that as the accounts are now on the Charity Commission web site there is nothing to discuss and the matter is closed

12. Correspondence Received to Date:

- Cllr Gethyn Davies had requested sandbags for Elmdale – Clerk replied and emails are in the circulation bag
- There is a consultation organised at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on 10th March at the Dive Centre on the future of Tidenham Church – all welcome to attend
- HOOF asked if Councillors wanted the group to make a presentation to Council. **Resolved** not to invite them at this point in time
- Cllr Gethyn Davies has asked again when the trees in Wyebank were going to be felled – this is being dealt with by the Amenities Committee

13. To Receive Committee Drafts and other Reports:

- Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee – noted

13. To Receive Councillor's Reports on Local Matters and Matters for the next Agenda

- Mrs Dawson reported that felt has blown off the bus shelter at Tidenham Chase opposite Miss Grace's Lane and also there are now reflective signs on the corner near the church
- Mr Bowshall reported a dip in Gloucester Road left by contractors work – the Clerk to report to GCC Highways

15. To Note the Following Dates: 26th February Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee, 5th March Finance & Probity Committee followed by Mopla Cottages Committee, 12th March Amenities Committee and 19th March 2014 full Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19pm

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Monthly Reconciliation/Cheque Approval - March 2014 meeting

Balance at 1st April 2013				
Current Account				11,357.92
Business Account				57,125.07
Less unrepresented cheques				- 3,197.00
				65,285.99
Income total current year				100,771.28
Expenditure current year				- 76,150.16
				89,907.11
Cheques for approval March 14				
Mrs J Cordon salary/expenses	1092	Corp	1711.36	
HMRC	93	Corp	577.09	
FES	94	Amenities	312.00	
FES	95	Amenities	302.40	
Mark Bearcroft	96	Amenities	5250.00	
Mr H Bynon	97	Amenities	40.00	
Mr H Bynon	98	Amenities	50.00	
Chepstow CAB	99	Corp	1500.00	
SARA	1100	Corp	480.00	
Bank Reconciliation				
Closing balances 28th February 14				
Current Account				£ 36,707.73
Business Account				57,151.38
Less unrepresented cheque				- 3,952.00
				89,907.11
Carole Dawson - Chairman				
Jan Cordon - RFO				
19th March 2014				